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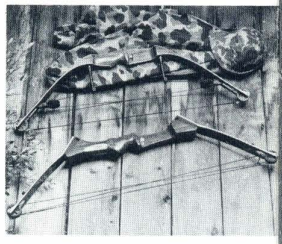

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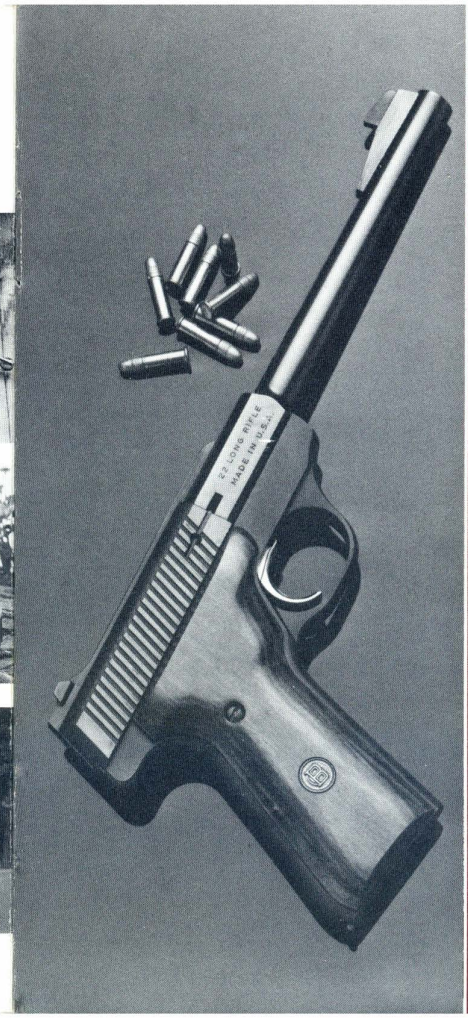

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YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR FIREARMS SAFETY

Please let us remind you that, as a gun owner, you accept a set of responsibilities of the most demanding nature. How seriously you carry out these responsibilities can be the difference between life and death. Mistakes made with guns are final and cannot be paid for with money or regret. **PLEASE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE PROPER HANDLING AND INSTRUCTION PROCEDURES OUTLINED IN THIS BOOKLET BEFORE USING YOUR NEW FIREARM.**

The cardinal rule of safe gun handling is: Always keep the muzzle of your gun pointed in a safe direction, even though you feel certain your gun is unloaded and "on safe." Be extremely alert and aware of all persons and property within the range of your ammunition. At all times handle your gun with intense respect for its force and power.

Never, under any circumstances, carry or handle your gun with a round in the chamber unless shooting is imminent. Never trust any gun's "safety." The word, "safety," is used to describe a gun's trigger block mechanism, hammer block mechanism, fir-

ing pin block mechanism or sear block mechanism. These are all mechanical devices used to place your gun in a ***safer*** status. No guarantee can be made that the gun will not fire even if the "safety" is in the "on safe" position.

Like any mechanical device they can sometimes fail; they can sometimes be jarred or inadvertently manipulated into an unsafe condition. These mechanical "safeties" merely aid safe gun handling and are no excuse for pointing your muzzle in an unsafe direction.

Your responsibilities do not end when your gun is unattended. Never keep a loaded gun unattended. Store guns and ammunition in separate, locked areas. Whenever possible, store this pistol with the slide locked back and the magazine removed. (This does not harm the recoil spring in any way.) Take all safeguards to insure your gun does not become available to untrained, inexperienced or unwelcome hands.

There is no excuse for careless or abusive handling of any firearm. At all times handle your gun with intense respect for its force and power.

Please read and practice the following cautions:

CAUTION

1. **ALWAYS KEEP THE MUZZLE OF YOUR PISTOL POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION** even though you are certain the pistol is unloaded and "on safe." Never point your pistol at anything you do not intend to shoot. Be extremely alert and aware of all persons and property within range of your ammunition.

2. **NEVER TRUST YOUR PISTOL'S MECHANICAL "SAFETY" DEVICES.** The word, "safety," describes a gun's trigger block mechanism, sear block mechanism, hammer block mechanism or firing pin block mechanism. These are mechanical devices that place your gun in a SAFER status. No guarantee can be made that the gun will not fire even if the "safety" is in the "on safe" position.

   Like any mechanical device a safety can sometimes fail; it can be jarred or inadvertently manipulated into an unsafe condition. Mechanical "safeties" merely aid safe gun handling and are no excuse for pointing your pistol's muzzle in an unsafe direction.

While it is a good idea to "test" your pistol's mechanical "safeties" periodically for proper function, NEVER test them with a loaded pistol or point the muzzle in an unsafe direction.

Safe gun handling does not stop with your gun's mechanical "safety" devices. It ***starts*** there. Always treat this pistol with the respect due a loaded, ready-to-fire pistol.

3. **ALWAYS REMOVE THE MAGAZINE, LOCK THE SLIDE OPEN AND VISUALLY CHECK THE CHAMBER OF YOUR PISTOL WHEN YOU PICK IT UP** to be sure it does not inadvertently contain any ammunition.

4. **WHENEVER YOU HAND YOUR PISTOL TO ANOTHER PERSON** always remove the magazine, lock the slide open and be sure the chamber is empty. Be sure the muzzle also points in a safe direction when handing the pistol to another person.

5. **BEWARE OF BARREL OBSTRUCTIONS.** Before the first firing of your pistol clean the bore using a cleaning rod and patch. Wipe away any anti-rust compounds present in the action-chamber areas. Before you load your pistol, remove the magazine, lock open the slide, BE SURE THE CHAMBER IS EMPTY—

then glance through the barrel to be sure it is clear of any obstruction.

6. **DO NOT SNAP THE HAMMER ON AN EMPTY CHAMBER—THE CHAMBER MAY NOT BE EMPTY!** Treat every gun with the respect due a loaded gun—even though you are certain the gun is unloaded.

7. **KEEP YOUR FINGER AWAY FROM THE TRIGGER** while unloading the pistol or removing the magazine.

8. **BE SURE OF YOUR BACKSTOP.** Know the range of your ammunition and be certain there is no chance of damage or accident. Never shoot at water or hard objects. Handle your pistol at all times with deep respect and alert consideration to all within its range.

9. **DO NOT CARRY YOUR PISTOL WITH A ROUND IN THE CHAMBER.** We recommend you do not chamber a round until immediately before the pistol is to be fired.

10. **ALWAYS UNLOAD YOUR PISTOL WHEN NOT IN USE.** Remove and unload the magazine and be sure the chamber is empty. Store your pistol and ammunition separately—beyond the reach of children. Whenever possi-

ble store this pistol with the slide locked back and the magazine removed. (This will not harm the recoil spring in any way.) Take all safeguards to keep your gun away from untrained, inexperienced, or unwelcome hands.

11. **ALWAYS UNLOAD ANY GUN'S CHAMBER AND MAGAZINE BEFORE CROSSING A FENCE, CLIMBING A TREE, JUMPING A DITCH** or negotiating other obstacles. Never lean a loaded gun against a fence, tree, car or other similar object.

12. **BE SURE OF YOUR TARGET.** Be sure no persons, livestock, buildings or other objects are behind or near your target. Be absolutely sure of your target particularly during low light periods.

13. **FOR EYE AND EAR PROTECTION** we recommend that you always wear shooting glasses and hearing protection when shooting.

14. **IN GRIPPING THE PISTOL, NEITHER HAND SHOULD BE IN A POSITION WHERE IT COULD BE HIT DURING THE REARWARD MOVEMENT OF THE SLIDE.** You should also avoid unorthodox sighting methods where the pistol might be held close to the eye.

15. **IF YOUR PISTOL FAILS TO FIRE DUE TO A MALFUNCTION OF EITHER PISTOL OR AMMUNITION** keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction and hold this position for a minimum of 30 seconds. Carefully open the slide and remove the cartridge. If the rim is indented, it should be disposed of in a way that can not cause harm. If the rim is not indented, your pistol should be examined by a qualified gunsmith and the cause of the malfunction should be corrected before further use.

16. **BE DEFENSIVE. BE ON GUARD AGAINST UNSAFE GUN HANDLING** around you and others. Don't be timid when it comes to gun safety. If you observe other shooters violating the above safety precautions, politely suggest safer handling practices.

17. **EDUCATE AND SUPERVISE.** Stress firearms safety to all members of your family, especially to children and non-shooters. Closely supervise newcomers to the shooting sports. Encourage enrollment in hunting-shooting safety courses.

BROWNING® CHALLENGER II 22 AUTOMATIC PISTOL NOMENCLATURE

In conventional gun terminology the position and movement of pistol parts are described as they occur with the pistol horizontal and in normal firing position; i.e. the muzzle is forward or front; the pistol grip is rearward or rear; the trigger is downward or underneath; the sights are upward or on top.

AMMUNITION

Your pistol must be used *only* with 22 Long Rifle Cartridges. The barrel and action of this pistol have been made with substantial safety margins over the pressures developed by established commercial loads. Nevertheless, Browning can assume no responsibility for incidents which occur through use of cartridges of non-standard dimension or those developing pressures in excess of SAAMI[1] established standards.

[1]Sporting Arms and Ammunition Manufacturing Institute

GENERAL OPERATION

Your new Browning is a recoil operated, semi-automatic pistol. With the chamber and magazine loaded and the safety* in the off safe or fire position, the pistol will fire a single round with each successive pull of the trigger until the magazine and chamber are empty. The slide of the pistol is designed to stay open after the last cartridge has been fired.

DESIGN FEATURES

The Challenger II incorporates a thumb operated sear block "safety*." To put the mechanism on safe the slide must be fully forward. The thumb safety lever is then pressed upward into the recess provided for it in the slide. (Note: This may require firm pressure. Be sure the lever travels its maximum upward movement and is completely engaged in the recess.) Although the sear is now blocked, abusive handling such as a sharp blow could still dislodge the hammer or otherwise cause the firing pin to move forward and discharge a cartridge.

When the slide is drawn rearward a Stop Open Latch can be raised to lock the slide in its open position. With a magazine in the frame, this latch is automatically actuated to lock the slide open after the last

*See handling precautions at the beginning of this booklet.

shot is fired. This is a signal the gun is empty. (Fig. 1).

It is important to remember that a cartridge in the chamber can be fired after the magazine has been removed so always check the chamber to be certain as to the pistol's firing status.

Figure 1

LOADING AND FIRING

At all times while loading, be certain the muzzle is pointed in a safe direction. With the slide locked to the rear and the magazine out of the gun, inspect the chamber to be sure it is empty. Close the slide and place the manual thumb "safety*" in the "on safe" position.

Depress the magazine's follower button (See Fig. 5, page 10) with the thumb of one hand, while inserting the cartridges with the other hand. Insert the loaded magazine into the pistol, being certain that the magazine is pressed completely in and is being retained by the magazine latch.

To load the chamber, move the manual thumb "safety*" lever down into the off safe position and pull the slide completely back. Release the slide. It will move forward under spring pressure and feed the first cartridge from the magazine into the chamber. **THE PISTOL IS NOW READY FOR FIRING.**

After pulling the trigger and thus firing the cartridge, the pistol automatically ejects the fired cartridge and feeds a fresh cartridge from the magazine into the chamber ready for a second shot. Thus the shooter may fire the pistol until the magazine is empty merely by pulling the trigger for each shot. After the last

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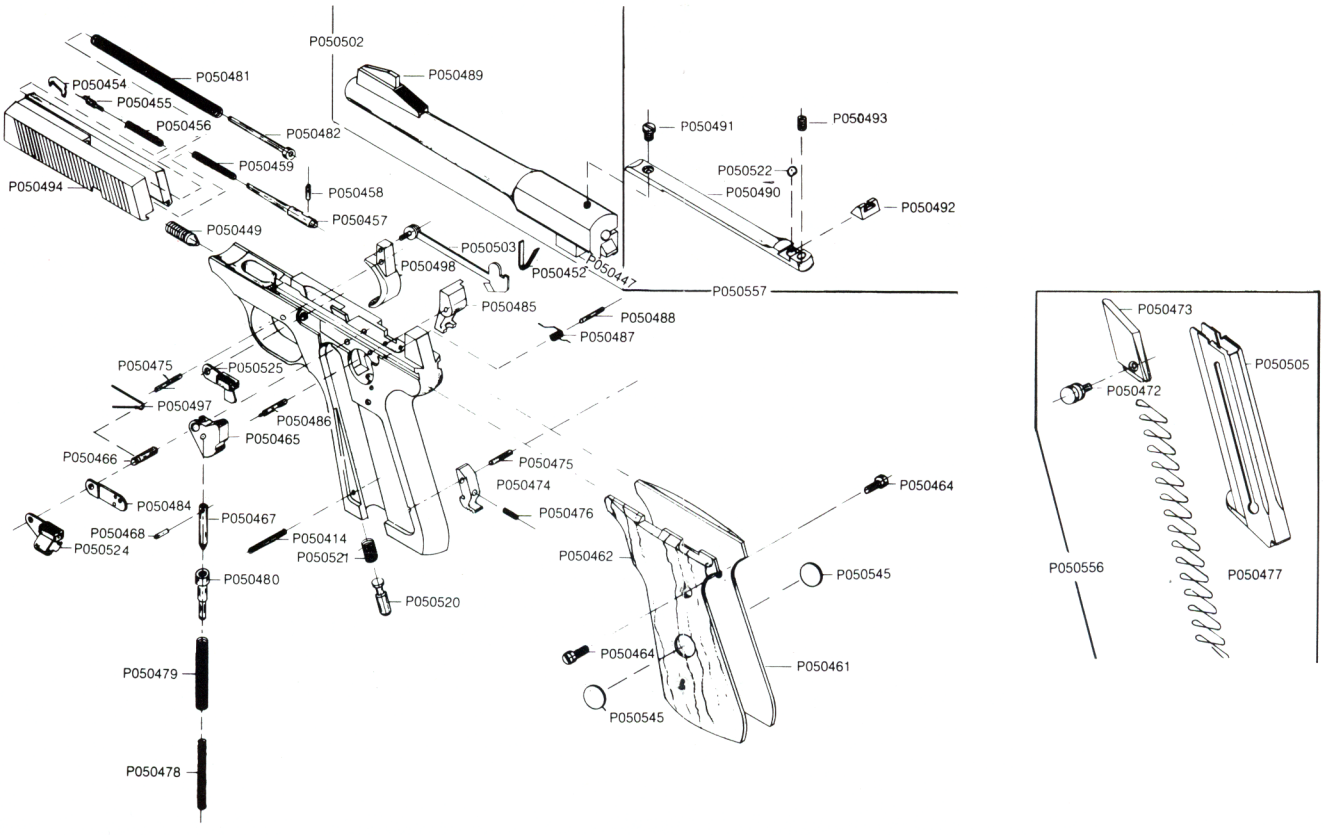

PART #	DESCRIPTION
PO50502	Barrel Assembly (Includes Front Sight & Barrel Block)
PO50447	Barrel Block
PO50449	Barrel Mounting Screw
PO50503	Disconnector Assembly (Includes Pivot Pin & Washer)
PO50452	Disconnector Spring
PO50454	Extractor
PO50456	Extractor Spring
PO50455	Extractor Spring Plunger
PO50457	Firing Pin
PO50458	Firing Pin Retaining Pin
PO50459	Firing Pin Spring
PO50462	Grip Left
PO50461	Grip Right
PO50514	Grip Pin
PO50464	Grip Screw
PO50545	Grip Medallion
PO50465	Hammer
PO50466	Hammer Pin
PO50467	Hammer Link
PO50468	Hammer Link Pin
PO50505	Magazine Body
PO50472	Magazine Button
PO50473	Magazine Follower
PO50474	Magazine Latch
PO50475	Magazine Latch Pin & Trigger Pin
PO50476	Magazine Latch Spring
PO50498	Trigger

PART #	DESCRIPTION
PO50520	Magazine Ejector
PO50521	Magazine Ejector Spring
PO50477	Magazine Spring
PO50556	Magazine Complete
PO50478	Mainspring Inner
PO50479	Mainspring Outer
PO50480	Mainspring Plunger
PO50481	Recoil Spring
PO50482	Recoil Spring Guide
PO50524	Safety Assembly (Includes Thumb Piece)
PO50484	Safety Click Plate
PO50485	Sear
PO50486	Sear Pin
PO50487	Sear Spring
PO50488	Sear Spring Pin
PO50489	Sight Front
PO50490	Sight Base Rear
PO50522	Sight Base Rear Spring
PO50491	Sight Base Mounting Screw
PO50492	Sight Aperture Rear
PO50493	Sight Elevation Screw Rear
PO50557	Sight Assembly Rear (Includes Sight Base, Aperture, Spring, Elevation Screw, & Mounting Screw)
PO50494	Slide
PO50525	Stop Open Latch Assembly (Includes Thumb Piece)
PO50497	Stop Open Latch Spring

shot is fired, the Stop Open Latch automatically holds the slide in its open or rearward position.

During reloading, it is recommended that you remove the empty magazine, inspect the chamber to be sure it's empty, then close the slide and place the manual thumb "safety*" in the "on safe" position. By inserting the loaded magazine with the slide closed, there is *no danger* of inadvertently tripping the Stop Open Latch and feeding a live cartridge into the chamber from the loaded magazine.

Caution: You will have observed by cocking the pistol the slide moves rearward about one inch past the rear of the frame. In shooting, neither hand should be in a position where it could be hit by the slide in its rearward movement **NOR SHOULD UNORTHODOX SIGHTING METHODS BE USED WHERE THE PISTOL IS HELD CLOSE TO THE EYE.**

*See handling precautions at the beginning of this booklet.

UNLOADING THE PISTOL

To remove the cartridge remaining in the chamber, raise the thumb "safety*" lever to its "on safe" position and withdraw the magazine from the pistol. Then move the "safety*" to the off safe position and slowly pull rearward on the slide to extract and eject the cartridge from the chamber. Inspect the action and chamber to be sure that a live cartridge does not remain in the pistol.

With the magazine removed, the Stop Open Latch must be raised manually to hold the slide open.

SIGHTS

The Challenger II is equipped with a precision rear sight which is screw adjustable for elevation and drift adjustable for windage.

1. To raise the point of impact, turn the elevation screw located just behind the rear sight in a clockwise direction. To lower, turn the elevation screw in a counter-clockwise direction (Fig. 2).

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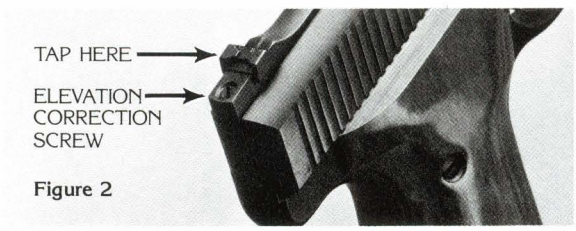


Figure 2

2. To move the point of impact right or left, the rear sight must be moved a very slight amount in its dovetail slot. This accomplished by lightly tapping the rear sight in its dovetail in the same direction you want the bullet impact to move. A small wood dowel or comparable non-metallic object should be used to bear against the sight during tapping to avoid marring the finish (Fig. 2).

DISASSEMBLY

1. Remove the magazine. Draw the slide rearward and lock open with stop open latch. Visually inspect the chamber to be certain it is empty.

2. Located under the barrel on the front of the frame is the barrel mounting screw. Loosen this screw until it becomes disengaged from

the barrel (Fig. 3). It is unnecessary to remove the screw completely from the frame.

3. Slide the barrel rearward and upward to separate it from the frame (Fig. 4).

4. Release the slide and allow it to move slowly forward and off the front of the frame, being careful not to lose control of the recoil spring.

This is sufficient disassembly for all practical cleaning and lubricating required. Further disassembly is recommended only by competent gunsmiths or the Browning service facility.

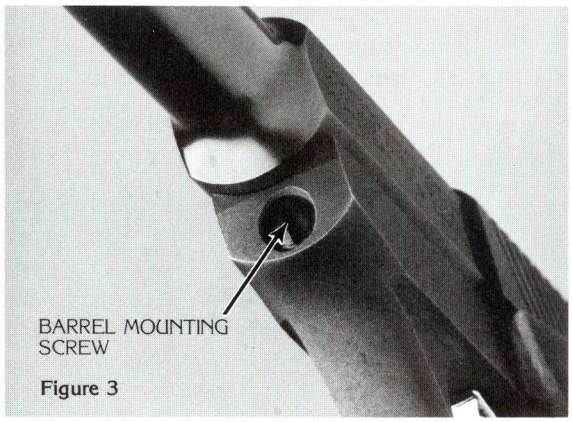


Figure 3

Figure 4

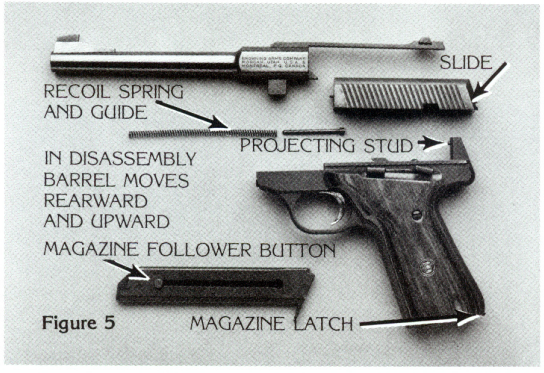
CLEANING

The slide assembly may be cleaned with any good gun cleaning solvent or light oil and then dried with a clean cloth, or preferably blown dry with air pressure, if available.

The barrel may be cleaned with a good quality powder solvent such as Browning Liquid Gunsmith. Ordinarily a light lubricating oil will suffice for this purpose. Use a small brush to remove dirt or other foreign matter from other parts of the action. Lubricate the pistol with a good light gun oil. All moving parts should be occasionally lubricated. Use oil sparingly; a very light film is sufficient. Browning Gun Oil is ideally suited for this purpose.

The magazine should be cleaned after every 500 to 1000 rounds for best operation since a certain amount of lubricant and dirt will gradually collect in this mechanism. Place the magazine in a good gun cleaning solvent and agitate to loosen and remove grease and dirt. While the magazine is still submerged, also pull the magazine follower back and forth a few times. Shake all excess solvent from the magazine and dry with a cloth, or preferably blow dry with air pressure, if available.

Caution: Most solvents are highly inflammable. Appropriate safety measures should be practiced when working with solvents.



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REASSEMBLY

1. Replace the recoil spring and recoil spring guide in the top of the slide.

2. Replace the slide on the guide rails of the frame and push rearward until the recessed collar on the end of the recoil spring guide can be placed on the projecting stud in the rear part of the frame (Fig. 5). Then continue to push the slide as far rearward as it will go and lock in this rearward position with the stop open latch.

3. Place the barrel on the frame so that the barrel mounting screw aligns with the barrel mounting screw recess in the frame. Pull the barrel rearward against the frame and secure the barrel to the frame by tightening the barrel mounting screw.

   Caution: If the barrel is not tight, you will experience accuracy and functioning problems.

SERIAL NUMBER: The serial number of your pistol can be found stamped on the front of the pistol grip portion of the frame.

SPECIFICATIONS

Caliber	22 Long Rifle
Capacity of Magazine	10 Cartridges
Over-all length	10⅞ inches
Length of Barrel	6¾ inches
Height of Pistol	5¼ inches
No. of Rifling Grooves	6 Grooves
Twist of Rifling	Right Hand
Weight of Pistol	38 oz.
Sights	⅛'' wide Front; Windage and Elevation Adjustment Rear
Sight Radius	9⅛ inches

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If your pistol should require service or repairs we suggest you first contact a local authorized Browning Firearms Service Center. Your Browning Sporting Goods dealer can tell you the address of the Service Center nearest you or you may call or write our Consumer Information Dept. in Morgan, Utah—(801) 876-2711.

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Phone: (518) 298-8130

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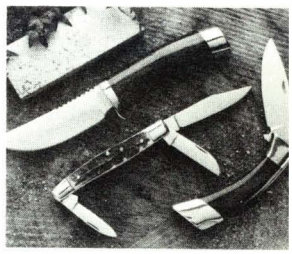

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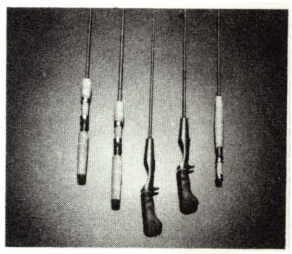

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THERE IS NO EXCUSE FOR CARELESS OR ABUSIVE HANDLING OF ANY FIREARM. AT ALL TIMES HANDLE YOUR HANDGUN AND ANY OTHER FIREARM WITH INTENSE RESPECT FOR ITS POWER AND POTENTIAL DANGER.PLEASE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE CAUTIONS AND PROPER HANDLING PROCEDURES OUTLINED IN THIS BOOKLET BEFORE USING YOUR NEW FIREARM.

1 ***ALWAYS KEEP THE MUZZLE OF YOUR HANDGUN POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION***.

Never point any firearm at anything you do not intend to shoot. Be extremely alert and aware of all persons and property within the range of your ammunition.

2 ***NEVER RELY TOTALLY ON YOUR FIREARM'S MECHANICAL "SAFETY" DEVICE.***

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LIKE ANY MECHANICAL DEVICE, A "SAFETY" CAN SOMETIMES FAIL; IT CAN BE JARRED OR INADVERTENTLY MANIPULATED INTO AN UNSAFE CONDITION. Mechanical "safeties" merely aid safe gun handling and are no excuse for pointing your guns muzzle in an unsafe direction. While it is a good idea to "test" your guns mechanical "safeties" periodically for proper function, ***NEVER TEST IT WHILE YOUR GUN IS LOADED OR POINTED IN AN UNSAFE DIRECTION.***
Safe gun handling does not stop with your guns mechanical "safety" devices – it starts there. Always treat this pistol with the respect due a loaded, ready-to-fire firearm.

3 ***DO NOT CARRY YOUR HANDGUN WITH A ROUND IN THE CHAMBER.***
For good safety practice, it is recommended that a round not be chambered until immediately before your pistol is to be fired.

4 ***WHENEVER YOU HANDLE YOUR HANDGUN, OR HAND IT TO SOMEONE, MAKE SURE IT IS COMPLETELY UNLOADED.***

To fully unload your handgun, you must first remove the magazine, open and lock the slide rearward, and visually inspect the chamber to be certain it does not contain a cartridge. It is vital that you remove the magazine from your pistol so a cartridge is not automatically chambered when you close the action. Always keep the chamber empty and "safety" in the "on safe" position unless shooting is imminent.

5 ***DO NOT TRANSPORT YOUR FIREARM LOADED.***

Keep it unloaded, whether stored in a holster, gun case or other container.

6 ***HUNTING FROM ELEVATED SURFACES SUCH AS TREE STANDS IS DANGEREOUS,*** and may increase the risk of handling a firearm. The following rules should always be observed by you and those you hunt with: Always make certain that the stand being used is safe and stable. Always make certain that your firearm is unloaded when it is being taken up and down from the stand. Always make certain that your firearm is not dropped from the stand, or dropped while it is being taken up or down from the stand. Remember, a loaded firearm may discharge when dropped, even with the safety in the safe position.

7 ***BEWARE OF BARREL OBSTRUCTIONS.***

When preparing to shoot your pistol, check for a barrel obstruction as follows: first, fully unload the pistol by removing the magazine, locking the action open and inspecting the chamber. ***BE CERTAIN NO LIVE ROUND IS IN THE CHAMBER.*** Then glance down the barrel to be sure it is clear of any obstruction. It takes only one small obstruction to dangerously increase pressures. Before the first firing, clean the bore with a cleaning rod and patch, and wipe away any anti-rust compounds in the chamber and around the action.

BE ALERT TO THE SIGNS OF AMMUNITION MALFUNCTION.

If you detect an off sound or light recoil when a cartridge is fired, do not load another cartridge into the chamber. Fully unload by removing the magazine and removing the cartridge from the chamber. With the action open, glance down the barrel to make sure that an obstruction does not remain in the barrel. If there is an obstruction, completely clear the barrel before loading and firing again. Failure to follow these instructions can cause extensive damage to your gun and possible serious injury to yourself and others.

8 ***BE CERTAIN YOUR PISTOL IS UNLOADED BEFORE CLEANING.***

Because so many gun accidents occur when a firearm is being cleaned, special and extreme care should be taken to be sure your gun is unloaded before disassembly, cleaning and reassembly. Keep ammunition away from the cleaning location. Never test the mechanical function of any firearms with live ammunition.

9 ***ALWAYS COMPLETELY UNLOAD YOUR PISTOL WHEN NOT IN USE.***

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10 ***USE THE PROPER AMMUNTION.***

The barrel and action of this pistol have been made with substantial safety margins over the pressures developed by established American commercial loads.

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EXAMINE EVERY CARTRIDGE YOU PUT IN YOUR FIREARM.

Browning cannot assume any responsibility for the use of unsafe or improper arms and ammunition combinations. It is your responsibility to read and heed all warnings in your instruction manual and on ammunition boxes.

11 ***DISCHARGING FIREARMS IN POORLY VENTILATED AREAS, CLEANING FIREARMS, OR HANDLING AMMUNITION MAY RESULT IN EXPOSURE TO LEAD AND OTHER SUBSTANCES KNOWN TO CAUSE BIRTH DEFECTS, REPRODUCTIVE HARM AND OTHER SERIOUS PHYSICAL INJURY. HAVE ADEQUATE VENTILATION AT ALL TIMES, WASH HANDS THOROUGHLY AFTER EXPOSURE.***

12 ***DO NOT SNAP THE FIRING PIN ON AN EMPTY CHAMBER – THE CHAMBER MAY NOT BE EMPTY!***

Treat every gun with the respect due a loaded gun, even though you are certain the gun is unloaded.

13 ***KEEP YOUR FINGERS AWAY FROM THE TRIGGER WHILE UNLOADING AND LOADING – UNTIL YOU ARE READY TO SHOOT.***

14 ***BE SURE OF YOUR TARGET AND BACKSTOP.***

Take additional care during low light periods. Know the range of your ammunition. Never shoot at water or hard objects.

15 ***DROPPING YOUR HANDGUN WHEN LOADED CAN CAUSE AN ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE EVEN WITH THE "SAFETY" ON.***

Be extremely careful while hunting or during any shooting activity, to avoid dropping a loaded firearm.

16 ***ALWAYS COMPLETELY UNLOAD YOUR PISTOL'S CHAMBER BEFORE CROSSING A FENCE, CLIMBING A TREE, JUMPING A DITCH OR NEGOTIATING OTHER OBSTACLES.***

Never place your firearm on a car, or on any unstable object.

17 ***IF YOUR FIREARM FAILS TO FIRE, KEEP THE MUZZLE POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION.***

Hold this position for a minimum of 30 seconds. Carefully open the action and remove the cartridge. If the rim is indented, the cartridge should be disposed of in a way that cannot cause harm. If the rim is not indented, your firearm should be examined by a qualified gunsmith and the cause of the malfunction should be corrected before further use.

18 ***WEAR EYE AND EAR PROTECTION WHEN SHOOTING.***

Unprotected, repeated exposure to gunfire can cause hearing damage. Wear hearing protectors (shooting ear plugs or muffs) to guard against such damage. Wear shooting glasses to protect your eyes from flying particles. Always keep a safe distance between the muzzle of your firearm and any persons nearby, as muzzle blast, debris and ejecting shells could inflict serious injury. Also, wear eye protection when disassembling and cleaning your pistol to prevent the possibility of springs, spring-tensioned parts, solvents or other agents from contacting your eyes.

19 ***BE DEFENSIVE AND ON GUARD AGAINST UNSAFE GUN HANDLING AROUND YOU AND OTHERS.***

Don't be timid when it comes to gun safety. If you observe other shooters violating any of these safety precautions, politely suggest safer handling practices.

20 ***SUPERVISE AND TEACH FIREARMS SAFETY TO ALL MEMBERS OF YOUR FAMILY.***

This is especially important when children and non-shooters are involved. Closely supervise newcomers to the shooting sports. Encourage enrollment in hunting/shooting safety courses.

21 **NEVER DRINK ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES OR TAKE ANY TYPE OF DRUGS BEFORE OR DURING SHOOTING.**

Your vision and judgment could be dangerously impaired, making your gun handling unsafe to you or to others.

22 ***PERIODIC MAINTENANCE – AVOID UNAUTHORIZED SERVICING.***

Your firearm is a mechanical device which will not last forever, and as such, is subject to wear and requires periodic inspection, adjustment, and service. Like all Browning firearms, your firearm should be serviced by a Browning Recommended Service Center or by Browning's service facility in Arnold, Missouri.

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Read and heed all warnings in your owner's manual, on ammunition boxes and with all accessories that you install on your firearm. It is your responsibility to secure the most up-to-date information on the safe handling procedures for your Browning gun. Browning assumes no liability for incidents which occur when unsafe or improper gun accessories or ammunition combinations are used.

Do not, under any circumstance, alter the trigger, safety or parts of the firing mechanism of this or any other firearm. Failure to obey this warning may result in injury or death to yourself or others.

BE CAREFUL!